

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposed amendment to Idaho Code §16-1602(25) clarifies under what circumstances a child may be found to suffer educational neglect by tying this term to the compulsory education requirements of Idaho Code §33-202. The new language will provide guidance to parents, child protection case workers, and the courts in applying this standard.

This proposed amendment to Idaho Code §33-202 adds language which refers to a child being taught by, or at the direction of, his or her parent or guardian. The addition of public charter schools (including on-line or virtual charter schools) to the other options of public, private or parochial schools incorporates current technology and expands the available options for child education.

This proposed amendment to Idaho code §33-207 will bring the definition of "habitual truant" into conformity with the revised provisions of section 33-202, Idaho Code.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact.

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